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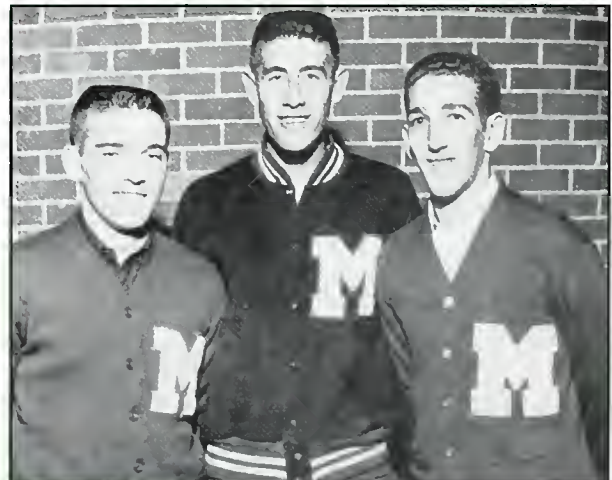
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Delta State University

Office of the President

Spring 2002

Dear Alumni and Friends:

January marked the beginning of what we hope will be a major program for Delta State University—the *Delta Health Alliance*. As we strive to fulfill our regional mission, we seek out issues that can make a difference in the Delta. Health is a core issue for our population. We came to this understanding in thinking about our other federally-funded program—the Delta Education Initiative. Many Delta children begin their education already behind their peers developmentally. Many continue that education in family and community circumstances that do not support learning. In this context, we cannot expect our teacher graduates, no matter how well trained and dedicated, to succeed. We must find ways to create supportive environments for learning outside the schools to ensure the success of our next generation of Delta citizens.

In thinking about this educational dilemma, we realized that our citizens' state of health had a great impact on the vitality of our region. Children lacking good diets, nutrition, psychological security and other aspects of physical well-being are not ready to learn. Parents suffering from poor health cannot care for their families, achieve good work performance, or participate fully in their communities. The statistics on Delta health demonstrate the extent to which this situation occurs in our region. Mississippi leads the nation in prevalence for diabetes, in heart disease and age adjusted death rates. We are second in overweight population, in hospitalization and emergency room visits. And we are first in population underserved by primary care physicians.

The goal of our initiative is to improve access to health care, to offer health education programs that promote good health habits, and to conduct research on how best to overcome diseases and to encourage cultural practices that achieve good health. We are fortunate to have as our principal ally in this work the University of Mississippi Medical Center as well as partnerships with Mississippi State and Mississippi Valley State Universities.

We inaugurated this project in January with a visit from Tom Scully, director of the National Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services, and Mary Dietrick, staff to the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations. We were able to announce at this meeting initial federal funding of \$1.5 million for the program. Tom and Mary expressed support for our work. Tom also made a comment to his national staff while on the visit that we found encouraging. He said: "Saturday night I was in Greenville and Monday morning I went to Indianola and Cleveland. All are in the Delta, the poorest part of the lowest income state in the U.S. At Delta State University we met with many health leaders, including the heads of many of the state's major universities—Ole Miss, Miss. State, Delta State, Miss. Valley State, who have made a huge commitment to addressing the terrible health problems of the Delta...after my first trip to Mississippi I can guarantee one thing—NO state has nicer and more gracious people, nor leadership more committed to improving health."

Those of us who work in the Delta know well that our greatest resource is indeed the caring people we live with. It is great to see others recognize that asset. With it, we will succeed in creating a positive future for our region.

Dr. David Potter
President



Dr. Potter and students Amber Marshall and LaToya Jones visit the Delta Health Alliance website.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Delta Health Alliance is available at the website www.deltast.edu/pubinfo/health/index.html. See related article on page 7.

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Morehead named vice president

William A. (Billy) Morehead, Instructor of Accountancy, was named Vice President for Finance in October.

"I am very pleased to welcome Billy to our Senior Management Team. He brings outstanding technical quality to the position; moreover, he is a quality educator," **Dr. David Potter**, president of the University, said.

Potter said Morehead was the "consensus choice (for the position) of our internal constituency. Billy is dedicated to Delta State and we are pleased to have him as a member of the DSU family."

Reared in Greenville, Morehead received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Delta State in 1984 and his Masters in Accountancy from Millsaps in 1995. He is a CPA and CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager).

Morehead and his wife, the former **Audrey Mitchell** of Clarksdale and a 1985 DSU graduate, live in Cleveland.



Morehead

Pennington named



Pennington

Dr. David L. Potter, Delta State University president, said Dr. Cassie Pennington, long-time administrator in the Delta public schools, and a former president of the Board of Trustees of the Institutions of Higher Learning for the State of Mississippi, has been named Special Assistant to the President for External Relations.

Dr. Pennington is housed in the College of Education, where he is directing much of his effort on the Delta Education Initiative, developing relationships with schools and promoting the use of instructional technology, trying to recruit talented young people into teaching, and helping to provide professional development educational programs for school administrators. "He is working through the president's office on university-wide activities such as our Delta Education Initiative. He will focus on helping to accomplish our strategic goals for the year, working with the Cabinet as well as my office," Dr. Potter added.

Bologna Center recognized



Bridgette Sudbrink (right), Arts Education Coordinator for the Bologna Performing Arts Center, recently received the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education's "Distinguished Cultural Institution Award." Sudbrink's Art Education Program was judged "Best in the State of Mississippi." Pictured with Sudbrink is Sharon Papian, former director of the Bologna Performing Arts Center.

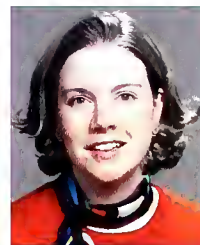
Holloway selected



Holloway

William "Benoit" Holloway is the 2002 Outstanding Accounting Alumnus. Holloway attended Delta State from 1947 to 1949. He is currently the managing partner of Holloway & Associates, CPA's in Rolling Fork. Holloway is an active member of Beta Mississippi, the Arkansas Societies of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

Jackson elected



Jackson

Julie Jackson, Coordinator of Housing and Residence Life, was recently elected to serve from February 2002 until February 2003, as President of the Mississippi Association of Housing Officers. Jackson has served in many capacities, including treasurer and Committee Chair for Evaluations, Nominations, Conference Facilities, and as a member of the Planning Committee, as a member of MAHO. She is a 1996 graduate of Delta State.

Musicians honored

Seven music majors were selected by the Department of Music to perform in the Fall Honors Recital. They are from left, Michael Shuman, sophomore from Laurel, piano (seated); Brian Eads, senior from Grenada, piano; Nicki Richmond, senior from Vicksburg, flute; Jason Harrell, senior from Forest, tuba; Mason Joy, senior from Memphis, baritone; Rebecca Joy, senior from Memphis; soprano; and Josh Bamberg, senior from Cleveland, trumpet.



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Robinson appointed



Robinson

Dr. Jerry W. Robinson, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Rural Sociology was recently appointed to a national panel of 10 scholars to conduct an evaluation of the work of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR).

The group conducted a summative review of the National Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, located at the University of Montana.

Robinson and a professor from the University of Arkansas represented the southern region of the U.S. Dr. Marcus Fuhrer, of the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md., and Baylor College of Medicine, served as chair of the national panel.

"There are 12 Million Americans with disabilities, and the percentage who live in rural areas is higher than those in urban areas," Robinson said. "The problems of many persons with disabilities are worsened because of transportation and social isolation. Remoteness to services is a difficult challenge to many persons who have disabilities."

Robinson said one opportunity is for "NIDRR is to provide programs and services for persons who are disabled to access health care or participate in business through the Internet. For example, the disabled are twice as likely to have a home base business as persons who are not disabled. National efforts to help disabled persons work at home are expanding. Also, health care professionals need additional training on how to meet the needs of persons with disabilities."

Mr & Miss DSU elected



Ryan England and Leah Jones were selected Mr. & Miss DSU in the Student Government Association elections.

England, a business management major from Grenada, is a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, where he served as president, Delta Diplomats, Renaissance, Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and Delta Mu Delta honor society. He is a former Student Government Association cabinet member and orientation leader and is a President's List scholar.

Jones, an exercise science major from Jackson, is a member of the women's basketball team, Kappa Delta sorority, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-med honor society, and student athletic advisory committee.

Education Initiative funded



The College of Education has received confirmation of a third year of funding by the U. S. Department of Education for the *Delta Education Initiative*.

Amounts awarded for the project have included \$1,387,500 for fiscal year 2000-2001, \$998,791 for FY 2001-2002. This year's (2002-2003) federal grant is in the amount of \$1.4 million.

Dr. E. E. Caston, Project Director and Dean of the College of Education, said *The Delta Education Initiative* is the creation of the

cooperative efforts of the University, The Delta Council, and U. S. Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott. "The purpose of the grants are to improve K-12 school performance by building educational capacity of teachers and administrators in the undergraduate and graduate programs at Delta State," Caston said.

"The grants address scholarships and financial support for students who are preparing for teaching and administration. Recipients of grants are expected to provide professional educational service in the Delta area school districts," he added.

A valuable component of the Initiative has been the development of a technology program. This program, under the supervision of **Dr. Hines Cronin**, Director of Field Experiences and Coordinator of Teacher Education, provides a resource-rich *Center for Teaching and Learning*.

"The Center coordinates computer-based services to train and provide technology support to students, faculty members, and Delta area schools through training provided by the *Delta Area Association for Improvement of Schools*, of which all Delta school districts are members," Cronin said.

According to Cronin, a major component of the technology program is to be the installation of an electronic classroom in James E. Ewing Hall for distance learning. The design and installation of this project is currently underway. "The classroom will be equipped for compressed audio-visual transmission, satellite broadcasts, and video-conferencing. This addition will afford an opportunity to expand distance learning services to the Delta State service area," he said.

Lloyd Clark
Appreciation Dinner
at Walter Sillers Coliseum
June 15th.

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(See story on page 25)



Potter unveils Delta Health Alliance



Potter

President David Potter announced the creation of the largest Delta health program in the state's history. Potter announced the organization of the *Delta Health Alliance*, which will combine the resources of four Mississippi universities with the Delta Regional Authority and Delta Council to attack health issues in the Delta.

Stating that helping the Delta is a part of the university's mission, Potter added, "our vitality depends on that of the region. We must break the cycle of poor health perpetuated from birth."

The purpose of the Alliance is to increase the access and availability of health care, to conduct and apply health research and to offer health education programs to everyone in the Delta.

Mississippi Valley State University, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi will all

participate with Delta State in this initiative.

"Delta State is proud to serve in a leadership role in this new initiative, and to count among its partners the state's best universities, organizations, and individuals committed to the Delta's well-being," said Potter.

Potter said that because of the contributions of all the partners, he is able to announce several tangible results at this time. He announced that DSU had reached an agreement with the University of Mississippi and its Delta Area Health Education Center to serve as the administrative arm of this program in recruiting health professionals, providing them with continuing professional education and creating health education programs for the public.



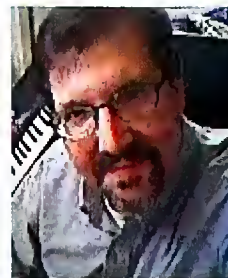
Dietrich (center) and Maureen Propst, Dean, School of Nursing (right) discuss the Alliance.

Cochran's staff, Senator Cochran, Tom Scully, director of Medicare and Medicaid, and Mary Dietrich, staff to the Committee on Appropriations, who helped guide the project through the appropriations process."

"Our vitality depends on that of the region"

**David Potter,
President of Delta
State University**

Butler elected



Butler

Dr. Mark Butler, Professor of Music, was recently selected as President-elect of the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) at a meeting held at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel. Butler assumes a two-year

term as of president of MAAE in 2003.

The MAAE is an advocacy group that works to ensure quality public education in the arts in Mississippi by monitoring legislative policy, working with the Department of Education and other state agencies, and providing professional development for classroom and arts teachers in Mississippi.

The association is affiliated with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and recently helped to sponsor the Whole Schools Institute held on the Delta State campus.

Butler has been teaching music education and horn at Delta State since 1988. He has been a board member of MAAE since 1993. He is the immediate past-president of the Mississippi Music Educators Association, chair of the DSU Special Programs Committee, performs with the Delta Brass ensemble. He recently participated in the Whole School Institute as a workshop presenter and is currently serving on the Mississippi Performing Arts Curriculum Revision Committee for the Mississippi Department of Education, which is revising the state music curricula for kindergarten through grade 12.

Academic Honors Day and Golden Circle Reunion set for April 23



Thrash

Academic Honors Day will be held at 10 a.m. in the Bologna Performing Arts Building at Delta State. The guest speaker will be **Dr. Patsy Thrash**, a 1950 graduate, who is Executive Director Emeritus of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Following the Honors Day program, there will be the Golden Circle luncheon for anyone who graduated from DSU from fifty years ago or earlier. For more information on Golden Circle Reunion, please call the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni/Foundation House, (662) 846-4705.



School of Nursing, Commercial Aviation programs go online; More technology learning being planned on campus

In keeping with the fast-paced nursing careers and with the availability of computer technology and Internet accessibility, the School of Nursing now offers the RN/BSN Completion Program and the Master of Science in Nursing Programs predominately online or web-based.



Nursing students completing an on-line course: (l-r) Erin Priewe, Deborah Thompson, Katherine Smith, and Millie Wright.

And, the Commercial Aviation Department offers a complete master's degree requiring 30 hours' of class work, via the World Wide Web. Other academic disciplines are steadily working toward having on-line/internet/web-based instruction available in the near future.

Dr. Paul Starkey, Director of Continuing Education, said the Mississippi e-Campus (www.msecampus.org) lists the School of Nursing, Commercial Aviation and all of the University's independent study courses.

"Although our independent study classes are not actually on-line, they are web-enhanced, with e-mail deliver available where the students send in their assignments in a Word document attached to an e-mail," Starkey said. "The student simultaneously sends his/her assignment to Continuing Education and to the instructor, who then responds to the student."

Dr. Michelle Roberts, Chief Information Officer; Dr. John Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Maureen Gruich Propst, Dean of the School of Nursing, have formed three campus sub-committees whose chairs are to look at instructional technology—any type of technology—online, classroom, web-based assignments. Dr. Frank McArthur, Special Assistant to the President; Dr. Larry

Lambert, Director of the Technology Learning Center and Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction; and Starkey are charged with setting policy and procedure, determining what infra-structure is needed (hardware, software, equipment, etc.); and what incentives, i.e., how does the University foster more faculty usage of technology."

Nursing students come to the campus for class three to four times per semester and complete the remaining course assignments and requirements online or with Clinical Preceptors in health facilities in their home towns/communities.

The online format is gaining in popularity and students in the recently admitted fall MSN Class live as far away as Louisiana, Vicksburg, and Raymond with some students in Clarksdale and Greenville.

"The online option removes many of the barriers of time and space and makes it possible for students to complete and submit assignments at a time that is compatible with any nursing job regardless of the work schedule," Propst said. "The online courses have the usual deadlines and requirements for completion of assignments, but the options are greatly increased when students are able to attend 'class' at a time of their choosing and from the comfort of home."

Student comments about the online class offerings, include "I couldn't attend school and work 12 hour shifts without the online option; and "This makes it possible for me to spend more time with my husband and children even though I am in school."

"We try to offer four courses a semester, spring, summer, and fall. For the spring 2002 semester, we have a total enrollment of 38 students in three

classes and two in a directed study class," said Tommy Sledge, chair of the Department of Commercial Aviation. "Last semester we had a student from Utah complete his master's degree without ever coming to the campus."

Acceptance to the program requires a student to have an undergraduate degree from a nationally accredited college or university. Moreover, students must score at least 3.0 on the CAAP test.

Tuition for nine to 13 hours is \$1550, and no student is charged for out of state tuition. "Our students are located in several states, including California, Utah and Georgia, and Tennessee," Sledge added. "We also have a number of active duty, overseas military personnel who are taking courses during the Afghan war."

In the Computer Information Systems 600 course (graduate Management Information Systems) the class utilizes the Pipeline functions. "On Pipeline, I can leave threaded messages for students and ready their responses, place scanned article attachments on my web-site, and the class can discuss through the chat room updates on our ongoing projects," said Dr. Bob

Waldrup, Chair of the





Department of Accountancy and CIS.

"I am using Internet and Pipeline more and more each semester. I place links to the textbook web sites for the course I am teaching," said Lee McKinley, Instructor in CIS.

Many faculty members have interactive web exercises and case studies to reinforce lecture materials. In CIS 331, the students have to complete a semester-long case study that combines downloaded Word documents, written pages in the text, and reading communications on the text website.



(l-r) Marcie Winborne, Pam Martin, and Misti Moore

"I also put extra lecture notes for students to print – so that they can retrieve them on campus and at their homes or workplaces. It also helps me from having to constantly modify my web page for these new links," McKinley explained. Her classes contain around 25-30 students, so Pipeline and Internet is a good way to "centralize" resources for the courses.

Dr. Darry Hardy, Professor of CIS, said "the faculty make all their syllabi and assignments available to students via the Internet. For the present, we do not teach any on-line courses but will consider for future dates."

The Department of Biological Sciences uses the Internet primarily for course web sites in support of traditional course structure. Faculty use innovative web sites for posting all course materials and assignments and for communication between the faculty and class members.

Students usually continue to meet regularly scheduled classes, however, several faculty members have developed courses which have reduced the regularly scheduled meetings to just those required for testing. To date, there are no courses that offered entirely as on-line courses, except by special individual arrangement with the instructor, according to Dr. Ed Williams, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

For additional information on these programs send an e-mail to: Dr. Michelle Roberts, mroberts@dsu.deltast.edu; Dr. John Thornell, thornell@dsu.deltast.edu.

Olesen earns aviation degree online

Andrew Jorgen Olesen of American Fork, Utah, accomplished something no other Delta State graduate has ever done in the school's 76-year history. He received his master's degree in Commercial Aviation without ever attending a class on the campus.

The opportunity for the 35-year-old Federal Express airline pilot to attend college the "traditional way" was impossible. "Thanks to Delta State University's distant learning program, I was able to complete a Master of Commercial Aviation degree in 19 months, completely online," Olesen said. "As a matter of fact, the first time I stepped foot on campus was for graduation (on Dec. 15). **President (David) Potter** said in one breath, 'Welcome to the campus and congratulations on earning your degree.'"



William Bell, professor in Commercial Aviation and Olson.

Federal Express supports and encourages its employees to pursue an education. With a laptop computer, I was able to bring the classroom at DSU with me to many parts of the world.

"Delta State's Aviation Management curriculum was challenging and very interesting. The professors did an outstanding job making sure the students had the most up to date information in the aviation business world," Olesen said. "I also found interacting with other students through internet forums to be rewarding.

"Although this major is open to students who hold a bachelors degree, I would imagine it would be rather difficult if one did not have an aviation background in either flying, aircraft maintenance or airline management," he added. "I highly recommend Delta State University to all those interested in pursuing a graduate education through distant learning."

Though neither Olesen nor his professors ever saw each other prior to graduation, each had praise for the other. "Andrew was easy to work with and he was on time with his course work," said Tommy Sledge, Chair and Professor of Commercial Aviation at Delta State.

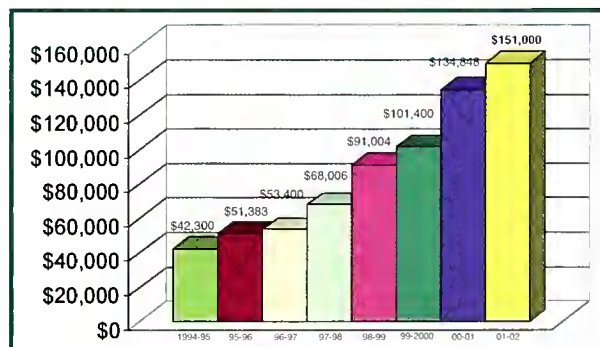
Almost as soon as the graduation ceremony was over, Olesen was back on his way to Utah, taking with him a bit of his new alma mater's history.

Students benefit from scholarships

To help make higher education affordable, Delta State University offers many types of financial assistance, including named scholarships funded by private support. Scholarship money made available through the Foundation has increased 257% over an eight-year period and is on a pace to break the \$200,000 level during the next academic year. Two hundred and ten students, double the number reported in Spring 2000, received scholarships this academic year thanks to gifts from alumni, friends, businesses, faculty and staff of the University. Call 662.846.4708 or e-mail kfulcher@dsu.deltast.edu to discuss establishing a scholarship. Also, visit the website

http://ntweb.deltast.edu/VP_UNIV_ADV/alumni/dvlpweb/establishing.htm for more information.

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Starkey heads Continuing Education

Dr. David Potter has announced that Dr. Paul Starkey, a 15-year veteran of the Delta State University College of Business faculty, has been named Director of Continuing Education.



Starkey

Prior to being named to his new post, the Tishomingo native taught human relations courses, including Organizational Behavior and Human Resources Management. He developed and taught numerous classes in the graduate and

undergraduate programs.

"I am excited about the possibilities of expanding Delta State's outreach into community service," Starkey said. "Our office will provide service to students and employers and make available courses to employees to gain training and professional certification."

Starkey has been active as a management development consultant and trainer for a number of businesses and has presented workshops statewide. He has also been involved with the Mississippi Quality Award system since its inception in 1995.

Starkey will maintain his faculty rank as an Associate Professor of Management in the Division of Management, Marketing and Office Administration.

He earned his BBA (1984) from Delta State, and his MBA (1985) and Ph.D (1988) from the University of Mississippi. He and his wife, the former Donna Smithers of Cleveland, daughter Ellis, and son Jake, reside in Merigold.

Khayat addresses fall graduates; Eads, Tucker & Jennings recognized

Phillip Brian Eads, a Music Education major, of Grenada and Paul A. Tucker, a Psychology major, of Greenville were the recipients of the First Diplomas at the fall commencement. The two compiled perfect 4.0 grade point averages.



Khayat

William Thomas Jennings of Indianola received a Second Diploma for compiling a perfect 4.0 grade point average as a transfer student, earning his degree in General Studies with a concentration in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

University of Mississippi Chancellor Robert Khayat, in delivering the commencement address, told the graduates that they leave Delta State as better persons and "you also leave behind a better University...As the reputation of the University is enhanced, your degree will increase in value."

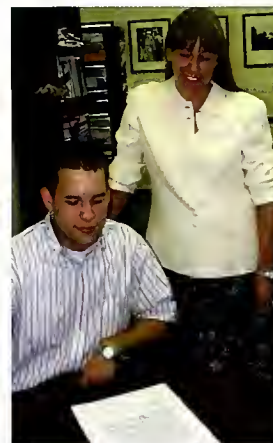


Tucker (l) and Eads

International student aids Hungarian heart patient

Bonnie Brown, International Student Advisor at Delta State, received an unusual phone call recently from a local hospital.

A hospital social worker wanted to know if there was anyone at the University who could speak Hungarian. A patient, a tourist from Hungary, had been admitted to the hospital after suffering from apparent heart problems. The patient could not speak and didn't understand English. The hospital personnel could not explain the procedure or even ask him his symptoms.



Sandor and Brown

Brown contacted, Sandor Csayni, the one Hungarian student on campus to help translate. A three-way phone conversation ensued among Sandor, the patient and a nurse. Sandor again assisted as an interpreter for cardiac test for the patient. Sandor explained, "A lot of people shook my hand and thanked me for helping out."

Brown explained that although it was an unusual situation, it shows the benefits of a diverse University community can help the community it serves.



DELTA PRESS CLUB INAUGURATED: Noted Mississippi newspaper entrepreneur Wyatt Emmerich (center), CEO of Emmerich Enterprises, visits with Dr. David Potter (left) and Robert Smith of Delta State's Madison Center. Emmerich was the guest speaker at the first meeting of the Delta Press Club held on October 5, 2001. The Emmerich family has been in the newspaper business since the 1920s. Emmerich's remarks included comments about the kind of influence he seeks to exert as a news executive, and his views on the future of newspapers in small communities. His visit was sponsored by The Madison Center, with cooperation and assistance of the Delta Business Journal, and the Journalism Department at Delta State. The Madison Center, one of the campus centers of excellence, is working to establish the Delta Press Club as the first leg of a planned "Project on Media and Politics." Contact Dr. Garry Jennings at gjenning@dsu.deltast.edu for more information.



University Advancement at Delta State University



Skelton

Editor's note: As a part of Dr. David Potter's reorganization plans, emphasis was given to the area of University Advancement. Dr. Don Skelton, Associate Vice President, was asked to provide leadership for this area. In an effort

to provide alumni and friends a better understanding of University Advancement at Delta State, our staff sat down for an interview with Dr. Skelton.

Staff: Dr. Skelton, exactly what is University Advancement?

Skelton: University Advancement is a broad field that seeks to strengthen education by enhancing its image, keeping alumni involved, raising money, recruiting students, and accenting relationship-building through a comprehensive external relations program.

The role of University Advancement at Delta State is one of promoting understanding of the University – its people, programs, policies and needs – among its varied constituencies, and securing public and private support essential to fulfillment of its mission.

Staff: Where do you start?

Skelton: Communication. Recent feasibility studies have confirmed that we needed to strengthen our communication efforts, both in quality and quantity. We are attempting to accomplish this by implementing and

maintaining a communications program that includes public relations and media relations, support for marketing and fund raising, publications and internal communications.

In summary, University Advancement is fund-raising, friend raising, public relations, alumni affairs, marketing, promotion, legislative initiative, and, most important, communication.

Staff: There has been a great deal of talk concerning a capital fund-raising campaign. Is such a campaign in the works?

Skelton: This is certainly in our plans. Like other institutions of higher education in the state, we have definite needs that must be met in order to maintain the high level of excellence expected at Delta State.

Staff: In what areas?

Skelton: In many areas, actually. One of the things evident about Delta State is the high priority we place on undergraduate education. This means that our fund-raising efforts must give primacy to goals that reflect on teaching: endowed chairs and professorships, student scholarships, and facility and technological upgrades.

We also have a commitment to serve as the intellectual, cultural and public service center for the citizens of the Delta region. To do this, attention must be given to the development and maintenance of University Centers such as the Bologna Performing Arts Center, the Center for Community Development and other Centers organized and designed to significantly impact the quality of life across social, economic, and educational lines.

Staff: What is the current status of the fund-raising efforts at this time?

Skelton: We are currently laying the groundwork for another successful campaign. Immediately following the conclusion of the University's previous campaign, the Foundation Board of Directors contracted an Atlanta-based firm to conduct a feasibility study. The results of this study were positive and provided valuable direction for future fund raising efforts.

Over the past year, a core group of constituents and members of the university staff have spent time identifying needs, looking at potential levels of support and organizing volunteer leadership. The information gathered to date will serve as the foundation for building support and fulfilling a defined goal for the University's campaign efforts.

Staff: Are you optimistic about the prospects for a major capital effort?

Skelton: Definitely! We all were excited and encouraged by the success of the University's prior campaign effort. Building upon that success, Ned A. Mitchell, DSU Foundation President and current Campaign Chair has put together an enthusiastic group of volunteer leaders who are ready to move forward with another successful effort.

Staff: Would you condense your vision for the Advancement office into a couple of sentences?

Skelton: Our purpose is to "get the word out" as to what a quality institution we have and how much greater it can become. It is our goal to build a university of national stature on a regional base.

Eddleman wins Jane Austen Society essay and scholarship



Eddleman and Ford

Stephanie Eddleman is a persistent, intelligent, English and German major.

The mother of three commutes one hour and 45 minutes every Tuesday and Thursday from Marianna, Ark., to attend 15 hours of classes.

Earlier this summer the "non-traditional" student received notification from the Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA) that she had won the

organization's essay contest open to students world-wide. Eddleman said the winning essay originated as an assigned paper in Dr. Susan Ford's Introduction to British Literature class last spring. Ford is Professor of English and a Jane Austen scholar. Eddleman was honored at JASNA's recent annual international conference in Seattle, Wash., where she received a \$500 scholarship.



Hedberg exemplifies tradition of excellence



It was a brilliant day on the fledgling Delta State Teachers College campus, August 10, 1928, when members of the first class to complete all four years of course work at the new institution received their diplomas. Among the six graduates, all of whom were, of course education majors, was Marguerite Zeigel. Although all the parents of these graduates must have beamed with pride at the accomplishments of their prodigy, Miss Zeigel's father must have been especially proud that day. W.H. Zeigel was also the Dean of the College and personally presented his daughter her diploma.

That day in August, having received her undergraduate degree, Marguerite Zeigel (Hedberg) set out on a path that would take her to many exciting and interesting places. After leaving Delta State she went on to the University of Missouri, where she earned both a Masters

degree and her Ph.D. in Mathematics. Her first permanent teaching position, although she had taught during summer sessions while at Delta State, was at Lander College in Greenwood, South Carolina. It was while in South Carolina where Miss Zeigel met her husband. Mr. Hedberg, also a teacher, accepted a position as a college instructor in Waco, Texas. They would stay in Texas until the beginning of WWII, when Mr. Hedberg was called to service to work for the war effort. His service took them to the University of Georgia and later to New York City, where their offices were in the Empire State Building.

At the end of WWII, the Hedbergs returned to their beloved South Carolina where they both took teaching positions at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. Marguerite's teaching career spanned three decades, until her retirement in 1976. During her career she received the distinction of being recognized by the Smithsonian Institution as one of only 102 women to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics prior to WWII. She has been active in many academic societies and continues to hold a keen interest for her alma mater, Delta State.

In looking back on her early days at Delta State Teachers College, Marguerite remembers with fondness the nurturing atmosphere between instructors and students. She recalled a friend once commenting about what a small school it was. Her reply was, "Well, it had to start somewhere, and a good start it was." I am very proud of how far Delta State has come and how many excellent students it has trained for the teaching profession, she continued. "The early supporters, like my father who helped to get Delta State accredited would be very pleased."

Furlow named CIO



Furlow

Michael Furlow, 1980, of Arvada, Colo., was hired in 1998 as the first Computer Information Officer for Einstein Bagel Corporation (ENBC). Prior to joining ENBC, he served as Vice-President of Information Systems for Metromedia Restaurant Group. Furlow has 21 years experience in Information Technology and was previously employed with Southland Corporation and T.G.I. Fridays.

Mother and son graduate together



Aulene Brumfield, left, and her son Craig Brumfield, both of Cleveland, sat side-by-side during the fall commencement. Aulene and Craig earned their Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in Management.

Causey forms racing team

Ken Causey, '86, of Jackson, and former major league pitcher, Jeff Brantley, have formed Kami-Causey Racing, L.L.C. and will race in the 2002 ACDELCO Challenge Series of the American Speed Association, which is televised on TNN. The #78 Chevrolet Monte Carlo is supported by a host of Delta State alumni including Byron Nichols, '87, Kelly Causey, '92, and A. K. Causey, '62. Even Ken's mother, Glenda, '65, is part of the team. The racing team's logo and website, www.kamicausey.com, was designed by Kyle Finney, '88. "I've dreamed of being in racing ever since my parents took me to Talladega as a child," said Causey. "It has been a long time coming as far as getting here. It was a long process to make the contacts to obtain the capital needed to come up with the car. We're in the process of securing additional sponsors for the 2002 season." Causey has worked in the pits for ARCA drivers Norm Benning and Dickie Williamson, and for NASCAR Busch driver Buckshot Jones. He received his license after finishing in the top of his class at Fast Track Driving School in Charlotte, N.C., and Richard Petty's Driving School in Orlando, Fla.



Causey

When he is not on the race circuit Ken works as the Director of Rehabilitation Services for the Baptist Healthplex in Clinton. He is married to the former Rachel Paris and they have three children, Pauline, Mary Carlisle, and Kendall Glenda. Causey can be reached at kcausey@jam.rr.com.



Alumni participate in Leadership Mississippi

Leadership Mississippi was initiated in 1974 by the Mississippi Economic Council and the M.B. SWAYZE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION to identify emerging leaders, encourage them with motivational activities, and assist in sharpening their leadership skills in the hope they will exert a strong positive influence on Mississippi's future. Participants work together in a training course combining individual study, group sessions, and actual project experience in using leadership skills. The 2001-2002 class included the following Delta State University graduates:

Robert P. Armour of Jackson is Vice President and Advertising Director for Trustmark National Bank in Jackson. He received a bachelor's degree from Delta State University in 1995. He is a member of the Bank Marketing Association, the Jackson Advertising Federation, and American Banking Association's School of Bank Marketing. He serves on the steering committee for Community Stewpot's Red Beans and Rice Festival, the Magnolia Speech School Festival, and Tour LeFleur sponsored by Friends of Children's Hospital. Mr. Armour is a Board member for Jackson Arts & Music Foundation and Jubilee Jam, and is a volunteer for American Diabetes Association and Goodwill.

David E. Ferrell of Belden is Senior Vice President of BancorpSouth Bank in Tupelo. He received a bachelor's degree from Delta State University in 1985 and a master's degree from the University of Mississippi. He is a member of Mississippi Young Bankers and the Commercial Finance Association. He presently serves on the Board of Faith Haven, Inc., and on the Membership Committee of Kiwanis Club. Mr. Ferrell is a past director of March of Dimes of Northeast Mississippi and March of Dimes of Mississippi. He is also a volunteer for United Way.

Trudy D. Fountain is Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for Park Place Entertainment Corporation in Gulfport. She received a bachelor's degree from Delta State University in 1988 and a law degree from the University of Mississippi. She is a member of Mississippi Bar Association, The Delta Inner

Circle, the DSU Foundation Board of Directors and the Lamar Order at Ole Miss. Ms. Fountain is a partner in the Foundation for Education & Economic Development and is a Board member of the Associate Relief Committee. She is a member of IAGA and the Kiwanis Club. She is a Biloxi Soccer Organization coach and is Commentator/Lecturer at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



Fountain

Christy Riddell Montesi of Cleveland is Program Coordinator for the Delta Emerging Leaders Program at Delta State University's Center for Community Development. She received both bachelor's and master's degrees from Delta State University in 1994 and 1995 respectively. She is a Board member and Chair of Service to Youth for Cleveland Exchange Club. Ms. Montesi serves as a Chamber Ambassador for the Cleveland/Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce and volunteers for Southern Home Ideas Expo and Bolivar County OctoberFest. She is the co-author of a paper that was recently published in the *Journal of the Community Development Society*.



Montesi

Amanda S. Williams is Director of Physician Network Development for Delta Regional Medical Center in Greenville. She received both bachelor's and master's degrees from Delta State University in 1993 and 1994 respectively. She serves on the Board of Mississippi Hospital Association's Society for Human Resource Professionals and Delta Human Resources Management Association. She is President of Junior Woman's Club and President-Elect of Delta Advertising Federation. Ms. Williams served as Sister City Chair for the Chamber of Commerce International Development Committee and currently serves as Ball Chairman for Junior Auxiliary. At the Chamber of Commerce, she is an Ambassador and chairs the Membership Committee.



Williams

Nursing student wins state honor

Amanda Cook, senior nursing major from Vicksburg, was named *Student Nurse of the Year* by the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses at the organization's state convention.



Cook

Nominated by the faculty of Delta State's School of Nursing, Cook said the award is based on her completing a project, presenting it, interviews and lectures given at the state meeting.

As Student Nurse of the Year, Cook will choose the theme, select the judges and serve as host for the 2002 SNY competition.

Her selection marks the second time a DSU nursing student has won the award.

The daughter of Rev. Paul Cook and Margie Cook of Vicksburg, Amanda's project, "*Life After the Nursing Home*," deals with enhancing nursing by working with the elderly.

Capwell re-elected



Capwell

Jeff Ross Capwell, a 1960 graduate, was recently re-elected to the Southern Growth Policies Board (SGPB) Executive Committee at the 29th annual meeting held in Hot Springs, Ark. Capwell serves as the state of Tennessee's representative to the 15-member board comprised of representatives from 13 states and Puerto Rico. SGPD develops and advances policies by providing a forum for partnership and dialog among Southern governors, legislators, and stakeholders from business, academia, and the economic and community development sectors. Capwell is president and CEO of National Community Services, Inc. in Memphis and is a member of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors.



Ouzts manages AirTran fleet

Jim Ouzts, Jr., a 1995 graduate, is Fleet Manager of B-717 at AirTran Airlines. He is the in charge of pilot flight and simulator training on the B-717, supervising the B-717 check airman, writing procedures on the aircraft, interfacing with the FAA, supervising the hiring of new pilots, and performing test flights on aircraft coming out of maintenance.



Ouzts

Ouzts, former Chief Pilot and Chief Flight Instructor at Delta State, and wife, Robbie, former Director of Career Services and Placement at Delta State, live in Atlanta, Ga. In 1999, Ouzts and his mother, Mary, of Gainesville, Georgia, endowed a scholarship in the Delta State's Commercial Aviation Department in memory of his father, Captain James F. Ouzts, Sr., a pilot with Delta Airlines for 32 years and a U. S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Parker named Squadron Commander

Major Guy E. Parker, 1986, was named Commander of the 43rd Mission Support Squadron at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina in July 2001. Parker, a native of Greenville, entered the Air Force after graduation from Delta State University where he earned a Bachelor of Commercial Aviation degree in Airport Management. He later earned a Master of Science degree



Parker

in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas and is a graduate of Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College. During his 15-year career, Parker has received numerous awards and decorations for his service in the U.S., Saudia Arabia, and Japan. He is married to the former Shannon Hall of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and they have three children, Jennifer, Ashley, and Ryan.

Post named to Arbitron Board

Rick Post, 1980, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Arbitron, Inc. headquartered in New York. Arbitron is an international media and marketing research firm providing services to broadcasters, advertisers, and advertising agencies in the U. S., Europe, and Japan. "We selected board members with experience in media, marketing, high technology and finance to help guide the strategic direction of the Arbitron company," stated Stephen B. Morris, president and CEO of Arbitron, Inc.



Post

Post, managing partner of Lonetree Capital Partners, Englewood, Colo., is formerly executive vice-president and CFO of MediaOne Group. He is a former member of the Delta State baseball team and was recently featured on the cover of the Spring 2000 alumni magazine.

Alumnae named top school administrator, teacher

Delta State's College of Education has a reputation for producing some of the state's best educators and administrators.



Moore

And, the selection of Dr. Janice Neill Dean, principal of Matty Akin Elementary School in Greenville, and Renee A. Moore, English and journalism teacher at Shelby Broad Street High School, as the state's finest in 2001, re-enforces the fact that DSU graduates are the best there are.

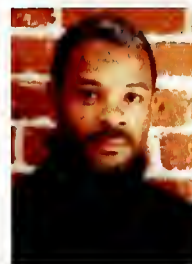
Moore received a \$25,000 cash award from the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award for her selection. A 1990 graduate, Moore said "it is a great honor (to receive this award)."

Dr. Dean earned her doctorate degree from Delta State in 1990.

John M. Curlee, an administrator in the Tupelo City School District and a 1971 DSU graduate, was named as alternate to Dr. Dean.

'TJ' takes over LA

Over the past decade, the clothing designs of Thomas "TJ" Walker, a native of Toomsba, have graced the pages of: *Forbes*, *Details*, *Code*, *Vibe*,



Walker

Source, *Elle*, *GQ*, *Sportswear International*, *MR*, *Black Enterprise*, *Seventeen*, *Essence* & *Women's Wear Daily*. In 1985 with two degrees in hand (a BFA in Commercial Design from Delta State University in 1982 and a MFA in Graphic and Screen Printing Designs from Louisiana Tech University), Walker left the South behind for the whirlwind pace of Los Angeles' fashion industry. He landed squarely in the midst of LA's bustling fashion district where he truly honed his skills in design process.

As a highly respected leader in the contemporary fashion industry, and the driving force behind the success of several contemporary clothing companies, Walker has received numerous design awards, including the coveted Rising Star Award (issued by the Men's Fashion Association) and the Chrysler Award for innovation in Design. He was also nominated a member of the President's commission on the NAFTA agreement in 1991, and was invited to speak at the White House on behalf of the fashion sportswear industry.

In 1990, Walker became the first in a succession of African-American designers who earned global recognition for design through the introduction of his collection Cross Colours. The company amassed record sales in excess of \$89 million in just under eighteen months. Cross Colours was a collection of clothing that used the slogan "Clothing Without Prejudice" which focused on the issues of prejudice related to race and gang violence. Prior to his involvement with Cross Colours Walker headed the design team at Tag Rag, (formerly known as Surf Fetish).

Walker's intent is to leave a legacy behind by way of developing programs and / or schools for graphic and fashion design for inner city children.

Walker can be contacted at tjwalker88@yahoo.com and has two websites displaying his work: www.nationsdesignstudio.com and www.tjwalkerinc.com.



Joe Whitehead, polymer researcher

Joe B. Whitehead, of Hattiesburg, is Chair, Department of Physics and Astronomy, at the University of Southern Mississippi. A 1983



Whitehead

alumnus, Whitehead earned his undergraduate degree in physics and later earned a M.A. and Ph.D. in physics from Kent State University.

Whitehead walked-on the football team at Delta State in the Fall of 1979 at the behest of Coach Sabatini who recruited him from Picayune High School. His high school principal, Sam Billingsley, '55, was a Delta State graduate and highly recommended Delta State because of the quality programs. After a freshman redshirt year Whitehead received an athletic scholarship. "The scholarship allowed me to focus solely on football and my degree program in Physics with a minor in Computer Science. The faculty and staff at Delta State, especially the Physical Science Department and coaches Jerry Pickle and Larry Dorsey, had the same high expectations for scholarship athletes as they do for non-athletes; therefore, I had to perform at the highest level in the classroom while meeting the demands of the football program," said Whitehead. "The high expectations on and off the field resulted in a work ethic and a high level of discipline that propelled me through the doctoral program at Kent State University. As a result of my athletic and academic experiences at Delta State, I know that persistence, commitment, and work ethic will conquer any task or situation in life."

Whitehead's research at USM centers on liquid crystal and polymer dispersions, which have application in architectural panels, flat panel displays, light valves, and optical communications. He is currently focusing on electro-optic and light scattering measurements of liquid crystal and polymer dispersions, molecular ordering in confined geometries, separation dynamics using photo-differential, differential calorimetry, thermal analysis, and optical microscopy. He and wife, Sonia, have two children, Alyssa Renee and Nickolas Tremain.

Echols, cotton industry leader

In 1959, when James Echols, a native of Memphis, played end for the Delta State football team under legendary coaches Chadwick and McCool, he could hardly have envisioned that someday he would "carry the ball" as the leader of two of the most powerful entities in the cotton

industry. He is president of Hohenberg Brothers Company, of Cordova, Tenn., one of the world's largest cotton merchants and he served as chairman of the National Cotton Council of America in 2001. Although he graduated from the University of Memphis with a marketing degree, Echols remembers his days at Delta State as having a dramatic impact on his life and on his management style.

According to Echols, in his roles at Hohenberg where he oversees more than 1,300 workers around the world in peak cotton season, and in his leadership position with the National Cotton Council, he uses an accessible management style to work with everyone from his own employees and other members of the

council, to producers, ginner, warehouse, merchants, cottonseed crushers, cooperatives and textile manufacturers.

Echols began his career at Hohenberg Brothers in 1960, as a trainee. In 1971, he was elected vice president of the company and in



Echols

1988 was named senior vice president. In 1990, Minneapolis-based Cargill Inc., the parent company of Hohenberg Brothers announced his election as president and chief executive officer of Worldwide Cotton Product Line. In addition to his demanding role at Hohenberg, Echols has been very active in the U.S. cotton industry. He is the past president of the National Cotton Council's export promotions arm, Cotton Council International; and the Southern Cotton Association as well as serving as director of the

American Cotton Shippers Association.

Echols is a former member of the New York Board of Trade Board of Managers.

Echols and his wife, Evelyn, live in Memphis and have three sons.

H.L. Nowell nominations sought



Nowell

The University's Administrative Staff Council is seeking nominations for the H.L. Nowell Outstanding Support Staff Award, which is presented annually at the May commencement.

Deadline for the nominations is April 1, 2002.

Faculty, students, alumni and other interested parties may submit nominations for the cash award, donated by members of the Nowell family and named in honor of the

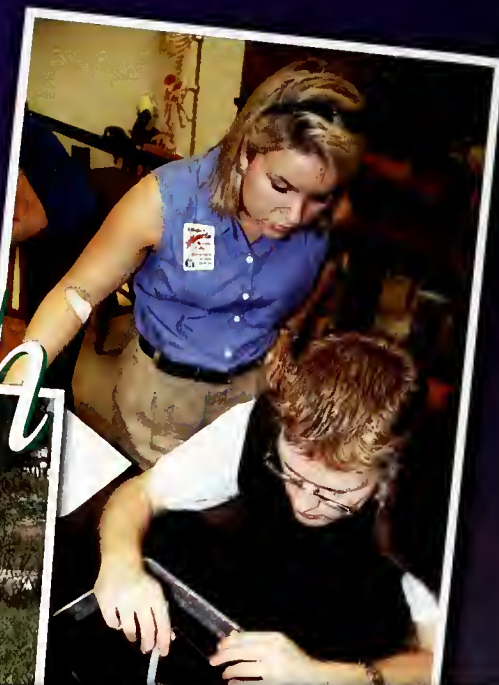
longtime Delta State employee.

Criteria for selection are: Ten consecutive years of service as a full-time support staff member, as of April 1 of each year. Nominations will be received by the Vice President for University Affairs and a committee of staff employees from the University.

The recipient receives a cash award of \$1,000 funded by the Nowell family and a plaque commemorating the award, with a permanent plaque inscribed with all of the previous award recipients.

Nominations should be submitted to: Dr. Leroy Morganti, Vice President for University Affairs, Box A-1, Cleveland, MS 38733, or morganti@dsu.deltast.edu.

The Sciences... *Hands on & High Tech*



By Lana Lawrence Draper

From remote sensing technology to down to earth, hands-on learning experiences for all ages, the Departments of Physical and Biological Sciences are following a proud tradition, preparing students to compete in a world that seems to be changing with the speed of light. The departments are not only bringing state of the art technology and progressive teaching techniques to their curriculum, but are also developing interactive learning centers to supplement and enrich the science curricula of primary and secondary school systems throughout the Delta.

Sciences bring cutting edge technology down to earth. *Making learning a natural experience*

The sky's the limit

Remote sensing is the gathering and recording of data about the earth from satellites, aircraft, balloons, or even hand-held devices. It began to develop as a viable scientific and commercial tool with the launch of NASA's Landsat-1 in 1972. Although we may not be familiar with the technology, we all benefit every day from some of its more common applications such as the use of satellite data to track storm systems and improve weather forecasting. But, remote sensing offers many practical benefits in a variety of fields from agriculture to geology, real estate to criminal justice and the development of new applications is advancing at a rate that is staggering.

So where does remote sensing fit into the curriculum? Almost everywhere you look... from the Biology Department's use to map swamps, coastal areas and flora and fauna distributions, to the School of Business where it is used in real estate and business applications. By introducing GIS and remote sensing technology on a number of levels and within a growing number of fields, the University is helping students develop advanced skills that will put them head and shoulders above those without such training in today's competitive job market. In fact, Dr. Carlsle Meek and Dr. John Thornell are working to develop a GIS/RS certificate program that would allow students to take appropriate courses in GIS/RS that apply to their major fields of study and have that coursework noted on their transcripts. Such certification would enhance student's ability to find jobs in an expanding global marketplace.

Nature Center and Gardens

For more than eight years, biology professors Dr. Sam Faulkner and Dr. Bill Hayes, proposed setting aside 4-5 acres on the edge of the campus to plant trees, dig ponds and set up long-term field plots to study plants and animals of the region. Although a long time in the making, now their dream will actually come true on a scale that exceeds anything they might have originally envisioned. Plans are underway for the development of a regional arboretum, gardens and nature

center to be located on a 15-acre parcel just north of the baseball stadium and west of the golf course.

The Mississippi Nature Center and Gardens will be built in phases as donations and funding become available. The first phase will involve the construction of representations of the major physiographic regions of the State. Visitors to the Center will have the opportunity to experience the geography of Mississippi, beginning with the Delta and moving to the loess bluffs and brown loam hills that form its eastern perimeter. The natural exhibit will also depict the black-land prairies to the east and the rocky escarpments and waterfalls of the north, and finally, the red dirt piney woods of the central and coastal plains.

Not only will the Nature Center and Gardens serve as a campus resource, it will also provide exceptional first hand learning opportunities for Delta school children who previously had no such facility available within a reasonable travel distance for field trips and field studies.

The entire project will be connected by a stroller-wheelchair accessible walking trail system complete with bridges and board walks and will also include a multi-use pavilion, outdoor classroom, greenhouses, and a landscaped plaza.

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Center for Science and Environmental Education

After a 1999-2000 needs assessment survey identified weakness in science and

environmental education programs that were currently operating in Mississippi Delta elementary, junior high/middle, and high schools, the University established the Center for Science and Environmental Education (CSEE). Located on a 10-acre parcel of land south of Merigold, the center will provide science and environmental education outreach services by faculty and staff to residents, schools and other organizations within its 20-county service area. Once all renovations to the building are complete, it will contain a small wet lab, a chemical storage area, a resource center for science curriculum including print materials, computer software, and audiovisual equipment, as well as a classroom for use by visiting school groups. A greenhouse will be used by students in conducting projects dealing with wetland plants as well as many other functions. A five-acre wetland will be constructed and planted with native vegetation and used as a study area for water quality assessment, invertebrate and vertebrate inventories. CSEE's science education initiative is divided into two programs: Science in Motion (grades 7-12) and Science to Go (grades K-6), and includes teacher training workshops, offers a science materials center, and a culture supply program.

Other Initiatives

Other exciting and enriching activities provided by the sciences include studies about the aerial drift of agricultural chemicals, wetland studies, the annual Elliott-Nowell-White Science Symposium, a premedical program, and an interdisciplinary course that studies the Mississippi River.

Science Endowment Fund

Many of these programs were made possible through a \$2 million endowment for the sciences that began with a commitment by alumnus Dean Spradling ('53) of Clarksdale, who donated a \$400,000 challenge gift to establish the Endowment for the Sciences. Alumni and friends are encouraged to contact the Foundation office to make a donation to the fund, that is making a difference in science education for students at Delta State and throughout the Delta.

Delta State University PHILANTHROPY



Boyd makes \$10,000 Challenge Gift

A friend of Delta State University, Aureola Boyd, has made a \$10,000 Challenge Gift to help stimulate giving to the University by alumni, businesses, friends and employees of the University through the creation of a \$10,000 Challenge Gift. "It is my hope that people who have never given to the University will accept the Challenge and make their first gift," stated Boyd. "And that others will step forward with similar Challenge gifts to specific areas of the University." The \$10,000 Challenge Gift is designated for the University's Annual Fund, which provides money for recruitment of students, marketing of the University through advertising, and for unbudgeted expenses that often arise during the year. To discuss setting up a Challenge Gift for a designated College, department, or degree program call 662.846.4708 or e-mail kfulcher@dsu.deltast.edu.

For information on helping to meet the Challenge, see the inside back cover of this issue.



Science Symposium held

The Elliott-Nowell-White Science Symposium held in October brought together four long-time friends (left to right)- Howard Brent, of Greenville, Dr. Walter "Buddy" Shurden, of Macon, GA, Dr. Bobby Elliott, of Baton Rouge, and Philip Farr, of Guatemala City and Miami, Fla. The annual symposium, named for Drs. Bobby and Mary Elliott, the late H. L. Nowell, and the late Dr. Jesse S. White, honored Dr. Charlie Brock (left) as a "Real Hero" along with Dan Corley, retired Reference Librarian, and Charlie Capps, Chair, Appropriations Committee, Mississippi House of Representatives. Presenting the award to Brock is Ed Williams, Chair, Biological Sciences Department.



Hannahs sponsor Walter Anderson exhibit

Vivian Brown Hannah, of Clarksdale, (right) and husband, James, sponsored an art exhibit of the works of Walter Anderson. Anderson's daughter, Mary A. Pickard, (left), of Ocean Springs, a 1958 graduate, attended the opening and gave a gallery talk on the collection entitled, "The Voluptuous Return: Still Life by Walter Inglis Anderson." The opening, held in September, was one of the largest crowds ever to attend a Wright Art Gallery opening. The Hannahs are members of the DSU Foundation Board of Directors and were instrumental in the University acquiring the Cutrer property in Clarksdale. They have also endowed a scholarship in the Art Department in honor of long-time friend, Sammy Britt.





Annual Scholarship Luncheon

The Annual Scholarship Luncheon, held on December 6, 2001, allowed student recipients to "thank" their donors in person. A record crowd of 325 donors, recipients, family members, and DSU representatives attended the luncheon. Delta State is grateful to all who assist the University in continuing its mission of providing a quality education to deserving students. The following photos are just a small representation of the many generous donors who attended the luncheon.



**Josh and Orena Wade Adams
Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

The family of Josh and Orena Adams, who both taught in Calhoun, Webster, and Winston counties, endowed this scholarship in 1998. Mr. Adams was a 1936 graduate of then Delta State Teachers College. It is awarded to a student majoring in science or math who is from one of the three counties in which they taught. Jonathon Collins of Calhoun City visited during the luncheon with Dr. Larry Wade, of Baton Rouge, nephew of the Adams.



**AMAC Commercial Aviation
Scholarships**

The Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) Scholarship Program, from Arlington, VA., awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to four Commercial Aviation majors. The inaugural recipients of the scholarship are (l to r) Justin Horn of Houston, Miss., Jeremy Hollis of Germantown, Tenn., Samuel Wilson of Arlington, Tenn., and Katherine Newman of Clinton. The scholarships were established in 2001 to encourage, recognize and reward college students who wish to pursue a career in the Aviation/Airport Industry.



**Barn Stormers Commercial Aviation
Scholarships**

University Commercial Aviation employee and owner of C & C Aviation, LLC, Jimmy Chrestensen (right), and Jim Keller, Red Baron Stearman Squadron Pilot funded the Barn Stormers Scholarships in 1999. The scholarships, awarded to William Ray Glasgow, of Cleveland, (second from left) and Lamar Buchanan, of Greenwood, (third from left) are awarded to students majoring in Flight Operations who are in financial need. Pictured also is Tommy Sledge, chair, Commercial Aviation Department.



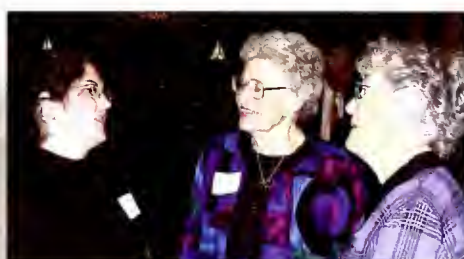
**Jeff Ross Capwell Music Endowed
Scholarships**

Jeff Ross Capwell, '60, of Memphis (first from left) established scholarships in 1981 for students majoring in music. James M. Clark of Florence, the one hundredth student to receive the scholarship, and his mother Georgeann thanked Mr. Capwell for his generosity. Capwell is a member of the Foundation Board of Directors.



**Cary Sandifer Memorial
Scholarship**

Greg Morris of Hazelhurst (right) is the first recipient of the Cary Sandifer Memorial Scholarship named in memory of the longtime employee of the DSU Physical Plant. The scholarship was established through an anonymous donor who made a challenge gift. Additional contributions were made by Mrs. Joan Sandifer, (center) daughter, Karen S. McLemore, other family members and numerous friends. Cary passed away on April 22, 1999.



**Dr. Thomas F. and Delia Fewell Clay
Memorial Endowed Nursing
Scholarship**

In July 2000, Mrs. Alice Clay Smith, '42, of Livonia, Mich. (center), and husband Arthur endowed a scholarship in memory of her parents. Dr. Clay practiced medicine in the Tutwiler area from 1910 to 1979. He passed away on January 12, 1985 at the age of 99. His wife, Delia, whose parents owned S. M. Fewell Plantation in Vance, passed away January 21, 1996. The scholarship is awarded to a nursing student and the 2001 recipient is Lacie Blessitt of Sunflower (left). Accompanying Mrs. Smith to the luncheon was her sister, Mary Oliver Clay Wadlington, '40, of Sledge.



Entergy Excellence in Education Scholarship

Danette "Dede" Dornak, of Greenville, (center) received the Entergy Scholarship, which was established in 2000 by Entergy Mississippi, Inc. The scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior majoring in Science or Math Education and a resident of Mississippi. Dede and her mother, Paula, are pictured with Maureen Propst (left), dean, Delta State School of Nursing.



Maurice W. and Mary Collins Hartley Endowed Scholarship

In 1984 William R. Hartley established The Maurice W. and Mary Collins Hartley Scholarship in memory of his parents. Crystal Bentley (right), of Lexa, Ark., received the 2001 scholarship and is pictured with Debbie Collins Davis who is a relative of the Hartley family. The scholarship is awarded to an entering freshman who excels academically.



Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Association Scholarships

Catherine Artman of Greenville is one of eleven recipients of the Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Association Scholarships given annually to children of Delta State graduates. Eligible graduates must be a paid member of the Alumni Association. Joining Catherine at the luncheon were parents, Barbara, '73, and Paul Artman, '74. The scholarship, named for Mr. Walker (fourth from left) who served as the Director of the Alumni Association for 25 years. Also attending the luncheon was Allen Burrell of Port Gibson (right), who established an endowed scholarship in memory of his wife, Rose Drake Burrell.



Dr. Johnny Ouzts Memorial Science Scholarship

The Dr. Johnny Ouzts Scholarship was established in 1996 in memory of the former professor and chair of the Biological Sciences Department and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It is awarded to a student majoring in biology or environmental science, who displays an interest in agricultural applications of biology. The University hired Ouzts, a 1957 graduate of Delta State, in 1964. He passed away on October 11, 1992. Josh Bright, of Batesville, (left) was named the recipient of the 2001 scholarship. Josh is pictured with Peggy Culp Ouzts, class of 1958, and son, Clark, a 1985 graduate of Delta State.



James Bradley Stone School of Nursing Scholarship

Mary Stone, Brad's mother, and the Cleveland High School Class of 1987 established a scholarship in his honor in 1997. Brad, who resides in the skilled care unit of Bolivar Medical Center's Long-Term Care Unit with a closed-head injury, was a member of the Class of 1987. Amanda Cook, of Vicksburg, received the scholarship and is pictured with her mother, Margie Cook, and Mary Stone (left).



Glenn and Frances Wong, Sr., Annual Scholarships

Frances Wong, of Cleveland, established three annual scholarships in 2000. The scholarships are given in memory of her husband and in honor of their children, Jill, Janet, Judy, and Glenn, Jr. The scholarships were established to help financially needy students attend the University. Mrs. Wong is pictured with one of her recipients, Patrick Penson, of Greenwood. Not pictured are recipients, Lamar Buchanan of Greenwood, and Marcus Van Every of Senatobia.



**John Quon Undergraduate
Accounting Scholarships**

John and Frieda Quon congratulate Mary Morris Fratesi, a senior accounting major from Indianola, on receiving one of the John Quon Undergraduate Accounting Scholarships. The scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior who has completed Principles I, II, and Managerial Accounting courses. Mr. Quon, long-time accounting instructor at Delta State, established the scholarship and it was first awarded in 1994. Amy Green, of Durant, and Stephen Craig Morgan, of Indianola, also received the scholarship.



**I. Dean Spradling Biological Science
Scholarships**

The I. Dean Spradling Biological Science Scholarships were created in 2001 as a way to honor the long-time supporter of the sciences. Mr. Spradling, of Clarksdale, was instrumental in endowing the "Excellence in Science" Program. Interest from the endowment is used to support the scholarships. The first recipients of the scholarships, William Chandler of Greenville (left) and John Mansour of Greenville, are pictured with Ed Williams, chair, Department of Biology.



**Suhowatsky-Garverick Accountancy
Scholarships**

In 1999 DSU accounting alumni Steve Suhowatsky, '64, of Fayetteville, NY, and Jim Garverick, '64, of Seabrook Island, S. C., established a fellowship for deserving students enrolled in the accountancy degree program. Tracie White, (left) senior from Greenville and Robert Hearn, (third from left) senior from Doddsville, are the two recipients of the scholarship. Mrs. John Yurkow and Mr. John Quon (right) are pictured with the recipients



**Vivian Hall Brown Hannah Art
Scholarship**

Vivian Brown Hannah (center), of Clarksdale, endowed a scholarship for an art major in 2000 in honor of her friend, Sammy Britt. Billie Joe Abel (sitting to Mrs. Hannah's right) of Cleveland is receiving the scholarship for the second year. Mrs. Hannah's husband, James, (right) is a 1961 graduate of Delta State. The Hannahs are members of the Foundation Board of Directors.



**Dr. Wilson and Eloise M. Davis
Endowed Math Scholarship**

Ashley Pullen, of Itta Bena, received the Dr. Wilson and Eloise M. Davis Math Scholarship given to a student from Mississippi who graduates in the top 10% of the class or at least have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and plans to major in math. The Davises, of Cleveland, established the scholarship in 1981.



**Clarence L. and Betty Rowena
Wilkinson Endowed Scholarships**

The Wilkinson Family Scholarships were endowed in 1992 in memory of Clarence L. and Betty Rowena Wilkinson. The scholarships are administered by the Office of Admissions and are used to recruit deserving students to the University. Michael Shull, of Natchez, (second from left) attended the luncheon along with his mother and stepfather, Bill and Cheryl Morale. Dr. Don A. Skelton (right), a long-time friend of the Wilkinsons, represented the family at the luncheon. Also receiving the scholarship are (not pictured) Ashley Robinson of Grenada and Jonathon Harmount of Madison.

To establish a scholarship call:
662-846-4708



Thompson honored with naming in Florida

The first football game played at the newly named J. Vince Thompson Stadium proved to be a "shootout" with the host Riverview (Fla.) Sharks prevailing over Chamberlain High School by a score of 38-35.

It was a special evening for Vince Thompson ('71M.Ed.), Riverview's first and recently retired principal, because, as a result of over 200 letters and a petition that included the names of more than 2,000 students and parents, the stadium had earlier that evening been named in his honor.



Thompson

Thompson and his family arrived at Delta State in 1970 with a commitment to earn a Masters degree while serving as a graduate assistant with Coach Horace McCool's football team. The move was a bold step for the former head football coach at Brooksville (Fla.) H. S. but he, along with wife Judy, were determined to make the move a successful one. Looking back, Thompson says, "the year at Delta State was a turning point in my professional career. It provided me with an educational insight that has benefited me throughout my years in school business."

Following completion of his degree and a brief stint at Provine (Miss.) High School in Jackson, Thompson returned to Florida to continue coaching and teaching before moving into administration in 1993. In the next seven years, he was twice selected "Outstanding Senior High Principal of the Year" for the Tampa-St. Petersburg Hillsborough County District, a system of 20 high schools.

Retiring after 32 years of service, Thompson states that the secret to any success he has enjoyed is simply to "listen to the students and respond to them."

Garcia recognized

On January 18 the Natchez Cathedral school community honored longtime Cathedral coach and athletics director Roy Garcia, Sr. with a surprise "naming" ceremony before an overflow crowd of supporters.

Garcia, who has represented Cathedral School for nearly four decades, was recognized with an unveiling of a plaque officially renaming the school's gymnasium after him.

A 1965 graduate, an emotional Garcia said, "This is undoubtedly one of the most precious moments of my life. I love each and every one of

2001 Coaches & Players of the Year

Delta State University was well represented when the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* newspaper named its 2001 Coaches of the Year. Among those selected were:

High School Baseball Coach

Sam Temple ('94,'96) led Warren Central, 36-3, to the Class 5A state championship. Has compiled a career record of 124-46 in five seasons.



Temple

High School Football Coach

Jesse Murphree ('76) led Clarksdale, 13-1, to the Class 4A state championship. Has compiled a career record of 141-54, winning three 4A state titles in 17 seasons.

Junior College Baseball Coach

Cooper Farris ('76,'77) guided Miss. Gulf Coast to a 32-25 record, the MACJC South Division title, the NJCCA Region 23 Division I championship and a berth in the national tournament.

Junior College Men's Basketball Coach

Don Skelton, Jr. ('89) led Northwest Mississippi to an 8th place finish in the NJCCA national tournament. Compiled a 22-7 record in winning

the MACJC North Division title, state championship, and the Region 23 title.

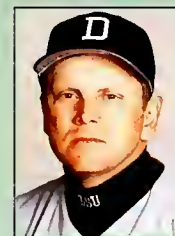
College/University Women's Basketball Coach

Lloyd Clark ('70,'77) was named Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year after leading Delta State to its 9th GSC championship. His Lady Statesmen finished 32-8, advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the 15th and the Elite Eight for the 11th time in Clark's 18 years at the helm.

Named as runner-ups for 2001:

Jerry Boatner ('68) led West Lauderdale H.S., 36-5, to a 2nd straight Class 3A state title.

Terry Thompson ('76,'77) led Miss. Delta C.C. to state championship playoffs.



Kinnison

Mike Kinnison ('77) led Delta State to a 50-11 record and 3rd place finish in College World Series. **Carolyn Bocclair** was named 2nd team All-American; led Lady Statesmen with 19.7 points

and 8 rebounds per game.

Eli Whiteside earned 1st team All-American honors and was 6th round draft pick of Baltimore Orioles.

you (supporters). I found out long ago that the people here are my life. I've had a great time and I expect to continue for as long as the Good Lord keeps me going. Thank you."

Rosamond Joins Astros



Rosamond

Following an eight-year stint as head baseball coach at Madison Central H. S. where he compiled a 179-77 record, Mike Rosamond has resigned to accept as position as a scout with the Houston Astros. A 27-year coaching veteran, Rosamond led Madison Central to seven consecutive playoff appearances.

Calling his move "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," the former Delta State shortstop will serve as a scout for the states of Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama.

Booker: All-American

Offensive lineman Chris Booker has accomplished a first in DSU athletic history, being named to five separate All-American squads. Booker was selected



Booker

First-Team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, Daktronics, Associated Press Little All-American, d2football.com, and Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

"It is a great honor for Chris and Delta State," said former head football coach Steve Campbell. "He is very deserving for all of his hard work. Chris

is an outstanding talent."

The junior from Clarendon, Ark., was a starter all 10 games last season and has been a starting offensive guard in 35 consecutive games since 1999.



Changing of the Guard Rhoades moves in Campbell moves out

On January 23, football coach Steve Campbell announced that he was leaving Delta State to become the offensive coordinator at Middle Tennessee State University. On Tuesday, January 29, Athletics Director Dr. Jim Jordan named Rick Rhoades as the University's 16th head football coach.

Campbell had recently completed a three-year stint with the Statesmen in which he garnered a sparkling 28-7 overall record, winning the Gulf South Conference and NCAA Division II National titles in 2000.

In introducing Rhoades, Jordan said, "It is exciting to have a coach that has had experience at all levels of football. A coach with this amount of experience affords us a great opportunity for continued success."

Rhoades, who previously coached Campbell at Troy State (Ala.) and also employed Campbell as a member of his staff at Nicholls State (La.), brings 31 years' coaching experience at the professional, college, and high school levels to Delta State. As a head coach, he has established a 119-68-3 record, with his Troy State squads winning two Gulf South Conference titles (1986, 1987) and the 1987 NCAA Division II National Championship. For his efforts, Rhoades was named the GSC and American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1987.

"I am thankful for the confidence that Dr. (Jim) Jordan and Dr. (David) Potter have placed in me," said Rhoades. "I was excited when the opportunity to coach at Delta State presented itself. Our goal will be to be among the best in NCAA Division II and to graduate all of our players."

A 1970 graduate of Central Missouri State, Rhoades and his wife, the former Elizabeth Ames, have two sons, Bobby, an assistant football coach at Tusculum (Tenn.) College and John Michael, a pilot with U. S. Airways.



Rhoades

Three inducted into Coaches Hall of Fame

Woodson Earle, Stacy Hester and Malcolm Kuykendall have been inducted into the Delta State University Coaches Hall of Fame.

Earle, a 24 year coaching veteran, had coaching stops at Lexington H. S. and Central Holmes Academy



Earle (left) and Potter

where his teams won seven conference and nine district titles along with 12 conference and district Coach of the Year awards. He won a state championship at Central Holmes in 1988 and state

track titles in 1970 and 1989. Earle coached in the MAC All-Star football game in 1988. He finished his career with an overall football coaching record of 186-61-3.

Hester has had a 15-year coaching career with stops at Washington School (Greenville) and New Hope H. S. His teams have won numerous honors including 13 state playoff appearances, eight North Mississippi titles and four state titles. His 1996 team set a national mark with a perfect 43-0 season. Hester has been chosen MPSA Coach of the Year twice, the MAC Coach of the Year once, and was named the American Baseball Coaches Assn. National Coach of the Year in 1996. His overall baseball coaching record is 458-100.

In his 25 years of coaching, Kuykendall served as basketball coach at Nettleton, Pine Grove and Belmont High School in northeast Mississippi. During this time, his teams won 11 district, eight North Mississippi, and eight state basketball championships. He was chosen the MAC Coach of the Year in 1981 and coached in the MAC All-Star games twice. Named to coach in the annual Mississippi/Alabama All-Star game in 1991, Kuykendall's overall basketball coaching record is 1,017-321.

Hudspeth named UNA football coach, hires DSU graduates for staff

Mark Hudspeth, who served as offensive coordinator for the Statesmen's 2000 National Football Championship team, has been named head football coach at the University of North Alabama. Hudspeth spent the 2001 season as offensive coordinator at the U. S. Naval Academy.



Hudspeth

A 1992 graduate, Hudspeth played free safety and quarterback during his career as a four-year letterman

with the Statesmen from 1987-1991.

Taking over a program that has had three consecutive losing seasons for the first time in almost 30 years, Hudspeth has added three assistants with DSU ties to his staff. Delta State defensive coordinator Gwayne Mathews has resigned to take the same job at North Alabama. A 1988 graduate, Mathews played



Mathews

defensive back for the Statesmen from 1986-1988. Also joining the UNA staff are Kelly Causey and Rory Bell. A 1992 graduate, Causey played linebacker for the Statesmen from 1989-1992 and has served as head football coach at St. Martin's H. S. in Biloxi since 1999. Bell joins the UNA staff as a graduate assistant after an outstanding career as a defensive back with the Statesmen.



Bell

2002 Football Schedule

Aug. 31	.....Northwestern University
Sept. 14	.....Miss. Valley State
Sept. 21	.....Valdosta State
Sept. 28	.....WEST ALABAMA*
Oct. 5	.....WEST GEORGIA
Oct. 12	.....Arkansas Tech
Oct. 19	.....Southern Arkansas
Oct. 26	.....HENDERSON STATE**
Nov. 2	.....Harding
Nov. 9	.....Ouachita Baptist
Nov. 16	.....ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO

HOME GAMES IN ALL CAPS * PIG PICKIN' / ** HOMECOMING



2002 Statesmen Baseball

Home Games Only

MARCH

9	Christian Brothers*	1 p.m.
10	Christian Brothers*	2 p.m.
12	Trinity	6 p.m.
23	Ouachita Baptist *	3 p.m.
24	Ouachita Baptist*	2 p.m.
29	Southern Arkansas*	6 p.m.
30	Southern Arkansas*	1 p.m.

APRIL

6	Grambling	3 p.m.
9	Mississippi Valley State^	7 p.m.

17	William Carey	4 p.m.
27	Harding*	Noon
28	Harding*	2 p.m.
30	Belhaven	4 p.m.

MAY

4-7	GSC Tournament	
	Millington, Tenn.	TBA

* GSC West Division Game

^ Played at Legion Field in Greenville.

2002 Lady Statesmen Softball

Home Games Only

MARCH

3	Louisiana Tech	1:00
20	Miss. Univ. of Women	2:00
28	William Carey	2:00
29-30	DSU Spring Tourney	TBA

APRIL

3	Arkansas-Monticello	2:00
20	Henderson State	1:00
21	Southern Arkansas	1:00
24	Christian Brothers	2:00
27	Central Arkansas	1:00

MAY

4-5	GSC Tournament	
	Meridian	TBA

Posselt - A Versatile Guy

By David Johnson
Bolivar Commercial Sports Editor



Posselt #33

Running back Ricky Posselt is a versatile guy. The 20-year old from Crystal River, Fla., spends most of the school year in the classroom, where he is diligently working his way toward a degree in education. He says he wants to be a teacher one day.

One of the best athletes on the football team, Posselt signed with the Statesmen as a fullback. When depth was needed on the defensive line in his sophomore season, coaches asked him to swap sides of the ball and play end. This past season, he was back on offense, working as a slotback in the DSU attack.

Balancing the difficult duties of both student and athlete, Posselt is a success story in the classroom, too. He's set to graduate on time in the spring of 2003.

But it's what Posselt will do immediately after

graduation that may be the best example of his versatility. "I'll be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps," Posselt says. That's right, in addition to blocking and tackling, this Statesman can shoot and salute.

Posselt is one of the "few good men" the United States Marine Corps has been looking for. He's been enrolled in an officer candidate program for two years, combining his college studies with training from the Marines. For the past two summers, Posselt has spent six weeks training at a Marine base near Washington D.C. He's learned to handle an M16 with authority, to bear the burden of an angered-up drill instructor and to deal with 15-mile forced marches with a 40-pound pack on his back.

"It's grueling, that's for sure," he says. It's all part of the training that will forge Posselt into a Marine officer by the time he leaves Delta State for what looks to be a world of uncertainty for a service man.

"I've been keeping up with the news a lot more since September 11," he admits. "I watch the news daily now."

Like many Americans, this student-athlete-soldier has felt a surge of patriotism since the attacks on this country. "It makes me proud to see how the country has reacted," Posselt relates. "There's been a pulling together, we're all wanting to help each other out. I know that this situation has made me even prouder of my decision to be a Marine."

Although his teammates often ask him, Posselt feels that he is in no danger of being called to active duty at the present. "Unless it gets really bad, I don't think I'll be called until I'm through with

school. It could happen, but I don't expect it to," he explains.

Meanwhile, Posselt will concentrate not on fox holes, but the holes created for him by his offensive line.





Lloyd Clark announces retirement

On Tuesday, March 29, 1983, Lloyd Clark was introduced to Delta State enthusiasts as the Lady Statesmen basketball coach at a morning press conference. He was presented as a successor to Francis Garmon. Garmon, who had resigned after a disappointing 13-16 record, had said that her successor "would be obliged to reestablish the days during the middle 1970's when Delta State was the nation's premier women's basketball power." Acknowledging that he was "a graduate of the school of hard knocks," Clark announced that Delta State could indeed regain its lost glories. It is an understatement to say that Clark has met that challenge during his illustrious career.

Clark has announced that this season, his 19th as the head coach of the Lady Statesmen, is to be his final year. Going into this season, he was the third winningest active women's coach in the NCAA Division II ranks, with a .836 win-loss percentage and a 470-92 overall record.

A strict disciplinarian, Clark's coaching philosophy has remained consistent throughout his distinguished career - one that centers on strong team defense and pattern offense. Stating often that "if we can guard you, we'll beat you," Clark's teams consistently rank among the nation's best in team defensive statistics.

Following his graduation from Delta State in 1970, Clark began his storied career as a junior high school coach, a position

he held for five years before being named girls' coach at Warren Central High School in Vicksburg. From 1975 to 1983, his teams compiled a 245-83 record, making five state tournament appearances in a six-year span.

Clark took over the reins at Delta State in 1983 following Delta's only losing season in a history dating back to 1926. In his first two years, competing at the NCAA Division I level, Clark and the Lady Statesmen went 20-8 and 19-7 with wins against the likes of Iowa, Oregon State, Nebraska and Texas A&M. Upon moving to the Gulf South Conference and NCAA Division II in 1986, Clark's Lady Statesmen won five straight GSC titles from 1986-1990, going 70-4 in league play during that span. His 1986, 1988, 1993, and 1996 teams advanced to the Division II Final Four, while his squads of 1989 and 1990 won back-to-back NCM Division II National Championships.

The Lady Statesmen have made the NCAA

Tournament 15 times in Clark's 18 years at the helm, eleven of those years DSU advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. Clark's squad captured his third national championship during the 1991-1992 season and finished as the runner-up in the 1993 title game.

The Gulf South Conference has also recognized Clark's excellence as a coach awarding him the GSC Coach of the Year honor four times. He is Delta State's all-time winningest coach, having put together five 30-win seasons and ten more with 20 or more wins.

Almost invincible at home, Clark's teams have compiled an incredible 256-19 (.930) at Walter Sillers Coliseum, including two Final Four wins in 1989 to win the national title.

Clark has put together a 193-32 (.857) in Gulf South Conference play, capturing GSC tournament championships in eight different seasons. His teams have also compiled a 38-13 (.745) NCAA tournament record.

Looking back at Clark's career, it becomes easy to recognize the reasons for his success. He possessed the ability to recognize potential in the athletes he recruited, among these being an over-achiever work ethic and an overwhelming desire to be a winner.

Clark, a Drew native, is married to the former Babs Walker, also of Drew.

They have two sons Scottie and Brady, both DSU alumni, and two grandchildren, Walker and Will.



WITH THE CLASSES



1958
Carolyn Ray Elliott of Memphis retired after 43 years of teaching English.

Elliott '58

1959
Ed Kossman has been named to the Planters Bank & Trust Company's Advisory Board in Cleveland.

1968

Paul Benchetti has been appointed city president of the State Bank & Trust Company in Greenville.



Miller '69

1969
Dr. Rush G. Miller was named the first recipient of the endowed chair entitled the Hillman University Librarian at the University of Pittsburgh. He has served as Director of the University Library System at Pitt since 1994.

Don Fisher is Vice President, Operations and Corporate Compliance for Mid-Delta Health Systems in Greenville.



Hill '70

1970
Rev. D. Kenneth Hill is Director of Programming and Lay Shepherd and Associate Pastor at Community United Methodist Church in Vincennes, Ind.



Harvey '72

1972
J. Stansel Harvey has achieved Fellowship status in the American College of Healthcare Executives, and is board certified in healthcare management. He is the President of Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital in Fort Worth, Tex.

Larry G. Taylor has his own private practice as a CPA and Investment Advisor RIA in Branson, Missouri.

1973

Charles V. Chrestman is the Vice President for Instruction at Itawamba Community College.

1975

Edward E. "Chip" Crenshaw is the Vice President/Controller/CPA for Kemmons Wilson Companies in Memphis, Tenn.

Carlton D. Campbell is the Career Center Director for Campbell Co. High School in Gillette, WY.

1976

Bobby Barrett retired from Jackson Public Schools after 26 years as a teacher/coach, and is now at Central Hinds Academy in Raymond.

1978

Charles "Chuck" Booth is pilot/captain and is in

charge of pilot training with American Airlines in Fort Worth, Tex.

1983

Michael Enriquez is the Senior Auditor for Union Central Life Insurance Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1984

Troy C. "Woody" Woods, III, has been named Systems Administrator at Letourneau Inc., builder of shore oilrigs in Vicksburg.



Bramuchi '85

1985

Lisa Hardy Bramuchi is principal at Cypress Park Elementary School in Cleveland.

Larry A. Boggs has been named College Counselor of the Year by the Mississippi Counseling Association; he is the technical counselor at Itawamba Community College of Saffililo.

Becky Humphreys is the women's health services coordinator for River Oaks Health System in Jackson.

1986

Melissa Shuttleworth Campbell is the vice president for Altegra Credit Company in Pittsburgh, Penn.

1987

Steve Humphreys has been named Director of Product Development for Jesco Resources, Inc. in Kansas City, MO.

Mark Lowry has joined Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel, a full service architectural, interior design and planning firm, as director of technology, in Tupelo.

1988

Michelle McGregor Shaul is real estate agent in Collierville, Tenn.



Jochim '88

Lena Wilson Jochim has been named Vice President and has acquired an ownership interest in Business Management Group, Ltd. in Columbus, Ohio.

Linda Dennis is a Cost Accountant with Seymour Tubing, Inc., in Dunlap, Tenn.

1989

Deatrice Rotimi is the Systems and Database Specialist for the National Human Genome Center at Howard University in Washington, DC.



Baioni '90

1990

James Kevin Baioni has been named as Operation Manager for Ciba Specialty Chemical, West Memphis, Ark.

Leah Strum-Winkler is an assistant principal at Carthage Elementary.

William David Grady is an 8th grade social studies teacher at New Hope Middle School in Columbus.

Kimberly Connell Junkin is with Heatcraft Inc. in Grenada.



Junkin '91

1991

Michael Junkin is MS/LA Business Manager for Mahindra USA Inc.

Eric Ray Owens is a United States Probation Officer in Greenville.



Harrington '91

Kelly Harrington of Clinton is employed with Twin Lakes Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center in Jackson.

Scarlet Steed Gregory is with SHW Group Architects & Engineers in Dallas, Tex.

1992

Bill Fleming is the head football coach at Calhoun Academy.

Steve Anderson has been promoted to district manager of the Cleveland Layne-Central operation.

1993

Chase Wright has been promoted to senior manager with Deloitte and Touche. He is participating in a two-year management development position at their assurance, accounting and advisory national headquarters in Wilton, Conn.

Monica Fioranelli Wright is a school nurse at an elementary school in Danbury, Conn.

1995

Dana Lynn Patton is attending the University of Illinois-Chicago pursuing her masters in linguistics and teaching.

LeeAnn Krause is working on her Ph. D. degree in school psychology at Illinois State in Normal, Ill.

Robert Booker is a facilitator with Milwaukee Tool in Greenwood.



Napoli '96

1996

Guidano Napoli has been named director of a new physical therapy clinic called The Smith Clinic in Olive Branch.

Ryan Russum has been promoted to audit senior at Deloitte & Touche in Jackson.



Keller '96

Katherine Keller recently participated in a month long vocational/cultural exchange to Brazil sponsored by Rotary International.

Marti Shannon Green is lease administrator for Trammell Crow Co. in Memphis, Tenn.

1997

William Ryan Porter is a teacher and assistant football and assistant baseball coach at Evangelical Christian School in Memphis, Tenn.

Jennifer Mitchell is working part-time with Tennessee Infant Parent Service; she is also a resource teacher in elementary school in Williamson County, Tenn.

Cathy Rowsey is a teacher/job specialist at Coffeeville High School and she is also working for Jobs for Mississippi Graduates in Jackson.

Brad McIntosh is the Senior Programmer Analyst for FedEx in Memphis, Tenn.

Joe Dunnam is the Branch Sales Manager for Beneficial in High Point, N.C.



Turner '98

1998

Paula Turner was voted teacher of the year 2000-2001 for Southaven Elementary in Jackson.

Delton Montie Moore, Jr. is the Director of Marketing and Governmental Relations for Emergystat Ambulance Service in Jackson.

Cedrick Gathings is the Career Counselor at Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena.

Lee Andrews is an Internet Sales Manager for Hixson Ford in Monroe, La.

Becky Aline Bonner received a Masters Degree in Consumer Science and Education from The University of Memphis.

Leah "Gresham" McIntosh is an Elementary Teacher with DeSoto County Schools.

1999

Mandy Gardner was named overall top producer for Century 21 Maselle & Assoc. in Jackson.

Kevin Thomas is the new head football coach at John F. Kennedy Hornets in Mound Bayou.

Emily Mitchell has been named audit officer with Trustmark Bank in Jackson.

Joseph C. Pieroni has been promoted to Manager at Wells Fargo in Oxford.

Judy Murrah has opened a photographic studio, Judy's Photo Art in Cleveland.

Chris D'Neal has passed his CPA exam, and is with Orsborn & Sutphen, Ltd. in Greenwood.

Adrian Brown is the Grants Administrator at South Delta Planning and Development in Indianola.

2000

Glen Allen Barlow is a computer and networking teacher at Chamberlain-Hunt Academy in Port Gibson.

Tomeka Brown is a teacher at Coleman Middle School in Greenville.

WITH THE CLASSES

Adam Sowell is an investment broker with Paine Webber in Memphis, Tenn.

Vicki Pace is a landowner assistance program forester for Georgia Pacific in Dothan, Ala.

David Decker is the General Manager of The Massachusetts Twisters, a Professional Indoor Soccer Team.

Brian Waldrop is Senior Vice President of Finance at Viking Range Corp. in Greenwood.

2001

Juanita Stahl Parkinson is teaching 1st grade at Durant Elementary in Ourant.

Asia D. Ivery is a junior research tech at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Infectious Diseases.

Wedding Bells



Dana Blair Boulter '98 to Donald Anderson "Andy" Eddins on July 28, 2001.

Gaye Anne Maranto '95 to James Hughitt Mize '99 on July 7, 2001.

Kimberly Ann Giachelli '99 to Robert Brian Truss on Sept. 29, 2001.

Rachel Louise Rawlinson '98 to Marion Walter Towery on July 7, 2001.

Misha Lynn Faust '01 to Mark Eliot Kimbell '95 on July 28, 2001.

Melissa Kelly Dean '01 to James Russell Kicker '00 on July 14, 2001.

Elizabeth Ann Ziolk to Victor Earl Abide '91 on Sept. 29, 2001.

Jamie Weber Howard '01 to John Reed Trusty, Jr. on Aug. 11, 2001.

Patricia Faye Goss '93 to Paul Nicolas Sidio on Aug. 4, 2001.

La'Tiffany Shantele Brady '98 to Dr. David "Montez" Carter on Aug. 4, 2001.

Virginia Campbell Duease '99 to Jason Reed Greer on Aug. 4, 2001.

Amy Renee Funderburg '00 to Jeremy Dennis Iverson '97 on Aug. 11, 2001.

Martha Ellen Cranford '00 to Rex Collins Davis '01 on Aug. 4, 2001.

Phyllis Frazier Boatman '80 to Jim Waldron Dec. 16, 2000.

Julia Carole Gaston '00 to Jeffery Sean Cannon '97 on March 10, 2001.

Tiffany Noelle Bell to Stephen Anthony Glorioso '99 on July 21, 2001.

Haley Rebecca O'Reilly to Dr. Steven Davis Woodward on Aug. 25, 2001.

Juanita Stahl '01 to Jeff Parkinson on July 7, 2001.

Jennifer Lynn Hillman '99 to John M. Gealogo on Aug. 11, 2001.

Ceresa Lynne Hoover to Jonathan Shepherd Cross '94 on Aug. 4, 2001.

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Jacqueline Dunn '94 to Michael F. Boyd on Aug. 9, 2001.

Lori Anne Hillman '99 to William Russell Anders on Sept. 1, 2001.

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Lana Michelle Criner to Charles David Work '95 on Sept. 8, 2001.

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Stephanie Michelle Yawn '01 to Jeffrey Matthews Lusk '00 on Sept. 15, 2001.

Andrea Elizabeth Marconi '01 to Henry Larry Ludwig '00 on Sept. 22, 2001.

Kellye Jo Stovall '00 to Sam Chester "Chet" Abraham on Sept. 15, 2001.

Heather Dawn Jackson '00 to Robert John Charles Maloney on Sept. 15, 2001.

Natalie Paige Sykes '98 to Owen A. McLellan '98 on June 2, 2001.

Shannon Lynn Treadway '96 to John Russell Miller on Oct. 13, 2001.

Candace Jefcoat to Rodney Jefferson Casey '93 on Oct. 20, 2001.

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Martha Christine "Chrissy" Keller '96 to Alan D. Lamastus '90 on Sept. 29, 2001.

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Kasey Suzanne Dukes '00 to Lee Ross Door, Jr. '00 on Dec. 1, 2001.

Kimberly Luann Clark to Andrew Maxwell McKenzie '01 on May 19, 2001.

Lauren Ashley Bennett '01 to Christopher John Ferracci '01 on Oct. 6, 2001.

Mary Barra Williams '98 to Haley Thomas Easley on Feb. 2, 2002.

Lesley Lane Richards '00 to Paul Anthony Mancini '00 on Dec. 29, 2001.



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Tucker Reese to Mr. and Mrs. William "Chad" Barefoot '94 (Amy Tucker '94) on Nov. 18, 2000.

Hannah Katharine to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Perry (Donna Harris '84) on Dec. 12, 2000.

Ann McKeel to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Durham, Jr. '90 (Maxine Bryan '94) on May 14, 2001.

Easton Douglas to Mr. and Mrs. Doug Robbins '95 (Ruth Ann Helton '94) on July 12, 2001.

Ryan Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kistemaker (Missy Hannah '88) on April 13, 2001.

Caroline Woods to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Derby (Susan Wall) '92) on July 5, 2001.

Angela Grace to Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander '77 (Melissa Gordin '85) on July 16, 2001. Isabella Marie to Mr. and Mrs. Avery Bridges (Marilyn Marie Wilson '92) on Feb. 5, 2001.

Caroline Whitney to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grant (Robin Tracy Crawford '90) on Jan. 10, 2001.

Jessica Grace Gong to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hamer (Alicia Grace Gong '92) on Aug. 29, 2001.

Brad Morgan to Mr. and Mrs. Pender Johnson (Molly Hoaglund '94) on July 20, 2001.

Charles Ray to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Miller, Jr. (Mande Lyn Ward '96) on May 9, 2001.

Jamison Keller to Mr. and Mrs. James W. "Chip" Otts '92 (Glenda Tindle '92) on July 27, 2001.

Twin girls Olivia Carlene and Madeline Margaret to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Price '92 (Julie Manning '92) on Jan. 13, 2001.

Elijah "Eli" Mason to Mr. and Mrs. Brad Winkler (Leah Strum '90) on June 20, 2001.

Cody Cooper to Mr. and Mrs. Ric Perkins (Elizabeth Walker '98) on March 7, 2001.

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In Memoriam

All deaths in 2001 unless otherwise indicated

Jimmy R. Williams '62 on July 11.

Ruth Agnew Gramling '39 on July 16.

Jamie Clark '75 on July 18.

Kyneesha Deashunta Hays on July 27.

Geneva Hutchinson Moore '47 on June 16.

Debra Connell Johnson '78 on July 23.

Wayne Jackson '49 on Aug. 15.

Col. Guy Green, Jr. on June 10.

Mary Frances Turner Keefe '40 on Aug. 23.

Leo E. Frankel '46 on Sept. 1.

Mary (Molly) Bedwell '28 on Sept. 15.

Ruby Nell J. Stancill '81 on Aug. 31.

William Delbert "Doc" Griffin '37 on Sept. 15.

Dr. William Derrall Foreman '51 on Aug. 27.

Ruby Baker Clark '75 on Sept. 15.

Senator Sam W. Wright '49 on Sept. 27.

Olyve S. Wynne '40 on June 2.

James D. Henderson '74 on Sept. 17.

Major James A. Milstead on Oct. 19.

Clarence L. Wilkinson '54 on Oct. 17.

Wayne P. Davidson '49 on Oct. 31.

June Helms Grant '60 on Nov. 20.

Franklin Benjamin "Ben" Branch, III

'94 on Dec. 29

Anita "Nita" Fonville '60 on Dec. 28

Ida Mae Dukes Neal on January 3, 2002

Scott Renaldo '84 on Dec. 26.

Bryce McCollough '62 on January 12, 2002.



Delta State Teachers College's first graduate, "Molly" Bedwell, passes away on September 15 in Harrisonburg, Va. Pictured above with Dean Zeigel receiving diploma.

Alumni Update

What better way to let your classmates know where you are and what you are doing than through the "Alumni Updates?"

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Spring 2002

Ronald Lavell Burnham	'85	Carrie Lynn Hobby	'00	Jeri O. Potts	'94
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Leigh Ann Akers	'00	Steven Lowe	'94	Victoria L. Pace	'00
Stanley Keith Wilder	'91	Peyton Davis Warrington	'92	Joseph G. Ellis	'73
Glen Allen & Sarah Barlow	'00	Rodney L. Sanders	'68	Osborne Guion	'50
Spring Heflin	'89	Byron Cecil Rasco	'67	Lisa D. Ellis	'97
Russell & Amy Green	'98, '97	Lee Aldridge	'98	Lee Gladden	'99
Emmette E. Davis	'54	Timothy Everett Gains	'94	John L. Campbell	'78
Earnie & Bonnie Chiasson, Jr.	'68	Lauren Bridges Laws	'98	Jeremiah Burks	'95
Anna Faith Edmonds	'01	Rachel M. Gains	'94	Jo Davis Clifton	'73
Vicki Lynn Ellis	'99	Thomas D. McCormack	'60	Vanessa Farrall	'01
Dr. Patricia F. O'Leary	'81	Bettye B. Gleason	'58	John A. Mangialardi	'83
Daniel O'Rourke, Jr.	'51	David Balducci	'92	Janet Boyles Ross	'84
Brenda Webb Spencer	'66	Jason W. Potts	'95	William David Ross	'87
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Jenkins receives award



Jenkins

Associate communication professor at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., Dr. Matt Jenkins has been named co-holder of the Harold and Elizabeth Hackler Lectureship in Teaching Excellence. This award recognizes contributions made by faculty in the lives of Cameron students.

Dr. Sally Soelle, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, describes Jenkins as one of the local academic community's most popular faculty members, "known for his high standards, professional enthusiasm, knowledge of his craft and devotion to his students."

In addition to classroom teaching, Jenkins produces programming over Cameron's closed-circuit television system, CUTV, and supervises broadcasting labs and studios. He is also an accomplished film producer whose award-winning documentaries – including "Atomic Annie" and "The Passing of Time" have frequently appeared on "Oklahoma Magazine," a series aired by the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority over the state's public broadcasting network.

Jenkins, a former DSU employee in the Audio Visual Department, received his Ed.D. degree from Delta State in 1993. He has also used his creativity in the development of distance education courses and has encouraged students to create documentaries on topics of local interest.

Jenkins is actively involved in the American Motion Picture Society, the Broadcast Education Association, the Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association, and Phi Delta Kappa.

Greenleaf carries the torch

Bill Greenleaf, of Ridgeland, was selected as one of 7,200 Torchbearers chosen to inspire America by carrying the Olympic flame through 46 states. According to the Salt Lake Organizing Committee torchbearers were selected from more than 210,000 inspirational nominees.



Greenleaf and Brenda Nowell

"We believe the Olympic Torch Relay has a deeper sense of meaning after the events of September 11," says Mitt Romney, Salt Lake Olympic Committee president and CEO. "Now more than ever, the Relay will be a celebration of humanity and all 11,500 torchbearers represent the best of our nation."

Torchbearers were nominated by family members, friends or co-workers who wrote 50 – 100 word essays describing how the nominees embodied the Olympic spirit and inspired individuals or communities. Some of the stories describing how torchbearers overcame enormous challenges were so riveting that the people who submitted the nomination were also selected to run a leg of the relay and hand-off to their nominees. An average of 180 torchbearers per day carried the flame approximately two-tenths of a mile.

Greenleaf, who received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Delta State in 1975 and 1977, respectively, is the Director of Planning with the Mississippi Department of Corrections. He describes his selection as an Olympic Torchbearer as a once in a lifetime experience and an honor to have the opportunity to participate in this monumental occasion.

Greenleaf's nomination was submitted by his wife's best friend, Brenda Nowell of Philadelphia, who was inspired by his strength and commitment in the face of personal

difficulty. Kathy, Greenleaf's wife, a former history teacher at Olde Towne Middle School had suffered a serious stroke in 1998 that forced her to retire. Nowell was touched by the way Greenleaf faced the situation with a caring and positive perspective on life.

Greenleaf, who carried the torch of December 9, 2001 on St. Charles Street in New Orleans expressed what a thrill it was.

"I was very surprised, especially, to find out that I was one selected out of over 210,000 nominations," said Greenleaf. "I actually had mixed feelings about being deserving of the honor since I did nothing to get selected." "I did not train for it, nor did I work for it. I told friends that it just dropped in my lap. It was just incredible," he concluded.

Although Bill Greenleaf's modesty might have left him amazed at being selected for this honor, his friends, family members and co-workers had no doubt that he was an excellent choice to serve as one of the outstanding and inspirational individuals who carried the torch and kept the Olympic spirit alive.



Entertainer Aaron Neville and Greenleaf



Percy Malone—His Delta roots run deep

By Lana Lawrence Draper

Percy Malone, an Arkansas state senator, is a Mississippi Delta native whose early years in Rosedale have had a lasting effect on his life.



Malone

Born in 1942 to W.H. and Selma Malone, young Percy's childhood, although not filled with material riches, was however filled with rich memories and valuable life lessons. His father supported the family as a sawmill operator and night watchman, and his hard work did not go

unnoticed by his son who admired his father for his strong sense of family responsibility. Young Malone was also inspired by another native of Rosedale, Pappy Lewis, owner of the local drugstore where he had worked as a "soda jerk" in the sixth grade. It was while under Lewis's employ Malone first envisioned a career in pharmacy "as a way of attaining financial stability as well as gaining professional respect and making a contribution to his community".

Malone credits his mother as his most important influence because she encouraged him to get an education. That encouragement

would lead him to Delta State University, hitchhiking to Cleveland so he could begin his pre-pharmacy training. Later he transferred to the University of Mississippi where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy in 1965.

After college, Malone moved to Bridge City, Texas and later he settled in Arkadelphia, Ark. where he worked for I.B. Fuller at his drug store. "Mr. Fuller was instrumental in my development as a pharmacist and as a businessman," Malone said.

As a pharmacist, Malone learned he was in a position to help many people who might otherwise fall through the proverbial "cracks" in the health care system.

"My concern for and commitment to the very young, the very old, and those in difficult situations has been a strong motivation for me as a pharmacist," Malone notes.

Throughout his career Malone has found ways as a private citizen and later as a public servant to help those underserved or without health insurance and poor access to health care.

Malone's career as a pharmacist has spanned more than 35 years. Today he owns fourteen Allcare Long Term Care Pharmacies as well as several other businesses in Arkadelphia, and is active in the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Clark County Industrial Council, and local chapter of the United Way. He is a former member of the Arkansas State Board of

Pharmacy, and an active member in the Arkansas Pharmacists Association and the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

In 1994, Percy Malone was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives where he served three terms until 2001 when he began his first term representing the third district as Senator.

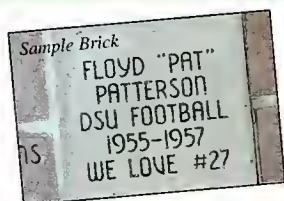
Today, Malone uses his influence as a public servant to continue his commitment to helping children, families and the elderly.

Family is also a priority in Malone's own life. He is married and enjoys spending time with his two daughters and their families, including four grandchildren. His sister Ruth is an essential employee in his business.

Recalling his days when he hitchhiked from Rosedale to Cleveland to attend his classes at Delta State, Malone said he was determined to get the education that his mother and father never had the opportunity to obtain. Even now as a successful businessman, state senator, active community leader and devoted husband and father, his words still ring with the lessons learned from his hardworking parents in the Mississippi river town of Rosedale.

"I grew up in a very poor family, but it was rich with love, encouragement, faith in God, and the belief that education is the path out of poverty," Malone shares, "even if you have to hitchhike to get there."

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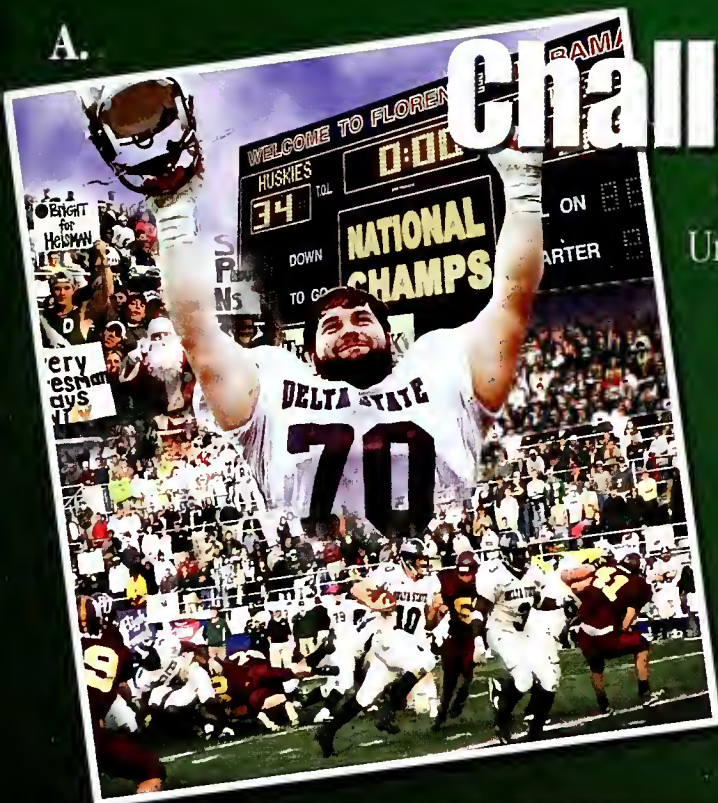
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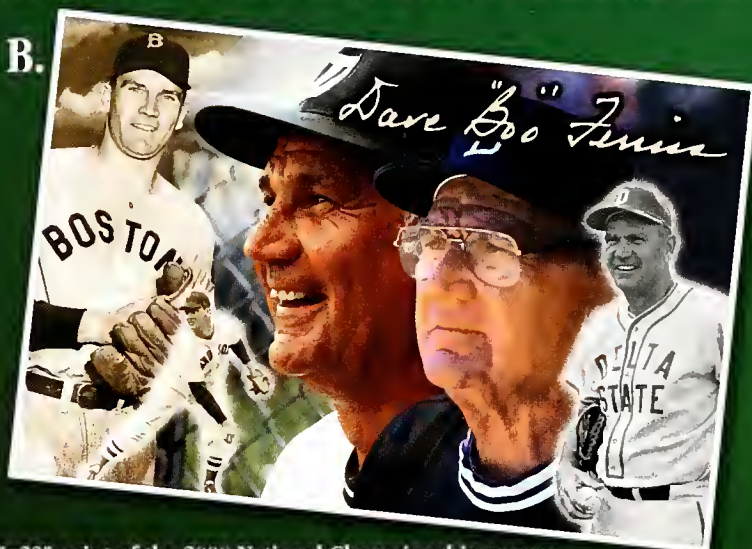
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